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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of Representative Floyd V. Hicks and Mike Krepon

1. Sat in on a briefing given on 9 June 1975 to Representative Floyd V. Hicks (D., Wash.) and staff assistant, Mike Krepon by Drs. [ ] of OSI on Soviet chemical warfare programs. This was the completion of a briefing which was begun in November of last year but had to be terminated shortly after it was started. The briefing was scheduled and rescheduled several times.

2. [ ] near the end of the briefing, began showing slides

I told Krepon that he had been exposed to sensitive intelligence information which is usually provided only to Committee staffs and that he must treat this information highly confidential. Hicks said he had no interest in source information but was only interested in substance and expressed satisfaction that his area of interest had been adequately covered.

3. After the briefing I expressed serious concern to [ ] for revealing such sensitive information with a personal staff member present and made clear to him that this was not the understanding of the Office of Legislative Counsel when the briefing was originally laid on. I pointed out to him that when the briefing had been initially started in November of last year, [ ] former member of our staff, had objected to the presence of Krepon because of the clearance problem and only allowed his presence due to the insistence of Representative Hicks.

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25X1A [ ] that there would be a staffer present and this should have been a  
25X1A low key presentation. [ ] claimed that the satellite photography  
that he had shown was designated to be broken out of the system to the  
Secret level. He said he thought that the staff man had the necessary  
clearances, however, he recalled that [ ] had objected to  
Krepon's presence when the briefing was first started.

4. Checks by the Office of Security revealed Krepon holds a top  
secret clearance granted on 27 August 1974 by the Department of Defense.

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